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**REMARKS**

Claims 34-53 are pending in the present application, of which (i) claims 34-47 are rejected, and (ii) claims 48-53 are allowed. In response, Applicant has hereby canceled the rejected claims 34-47.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Craig Plastrik, at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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